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In re Application of
Mitchell S. Steiner, et. al.
Application No. 10/747,686
Filed: December 30, 2003
Attorney Docket No. P-2769-US9

DECISION ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under the unintentional provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed September 25, 2008, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

This application became abandoned for failure to timely file a reply within the meaning of 37 CFR 1.113 to the Final Office action of August 24, 2007. The proposed reply required for consideration of a petition to revive must be a Notice of Appeal (and appeal fee required by 37 CFR 41.20(b)(2)), an amendment that *prima facie* places the application in condition for allowance, a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and submission (37 CFR 1.114), or the filing of a continuing application under 37 CFR 1.53(b). See MPEP 711.03(c)(III)(A)(2). No extensions of time pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained. Accordingly, the date of abandonment of this application is November 25, 2007.

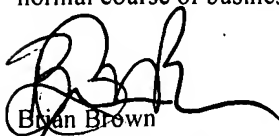
The petition satisfies the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that petitioner has supplied (1) the reply in the form of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and fee of \$810, and the submission required by 37 CFR 1.114; (2) the petition fee of \$1540; and (3) a proper statement of unintentional delay.

The United States Patent and Trademark Office received a payment of \$2230 for a five month extension of time on September 25, 2008.

An extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 must be filed prior to the expiration of the maximum extendable period for reply. See In re Application of S., 8 USPQ2d 1630, 1631 (Comm'r Pats. 1988). Since the \$2230 extension of time fee was subsequent to the maximum extendable period for reply, this fee is unnecessary and will be refunded to the petitioner's deposit account.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Denise Williams at (571) 272-8930.

This application is being referred to Technology Center AU 1618 for appropriate action by the Examiner in the normal course of business on the reply received.


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